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The true Copies of some LETTERS, occasion'd by
the Demand for DILAPIDATIONS.

To Mr. FAGE.

Dear SIR,

THE Copy of the Letter, which comes herewith, will let you see that I am * *ill us'd*. As to the Writer of it, whoever he is, as I cannot think of him but with some Disdain, so I shall not fail to represent this Matter to my Lord Archbishop, and acquaint him that I am not to be terrified by any such Method as this. Why should I be terrified, that will neither do, nor suffer Wrong?

The Libel which his Grace intends to exhibit against us, will not be brought into the Court till the 23d of this Month, being the first Day of the Term, and the Day, upon which you and I are cited to appear at Doctors Commons, and till then we can't obtain a Copy of it.

As yet, 'tis not probable that it has been seen by many Persons, besides his Grace, and the R. R. Dr. HICKES's Friend, (who courted Dr. HICKES's Conversation, not merely for the Improvement of his Skill in the Saxon Language, but also for other special Reasons.) Under so extraordinary a Master, he had Opportunities of being instructed in *Modish Doctrines* concerning the Privileges, Powers, and Prerogatives, which those, who are willing to be esteem'd and taken for Ecclesiastical Princes, are so vain as to lay claim to. The other Persons that may have seen the Libel are Dr. Paul, Dr. Henchman, and Mr. Farfant, and such only as some of these may have communicated it to.

I am not willing to think, that his Grace can condescend so low, as to countenance so vile a Practice, as the Writer of this Letter is engag'd in.

His high Station and Character must make him abhor such an officious Attempt as this is.

In the beginning of September, before his Grace nam'd, and agreed upon Sir William Trumbull to be a Referee, he had propos'd that Dr. Bettlesworth, and Dr. Paul should be added to the Chief Justices, and

to induce me to accept of them, urg'd, that the late Archbishop gave them their Places, and that therefore they might be suppos'd to be more inclin'd to favour the Executors than his Grace. This may look well in Theory: But since 'tis possible that the Expectation of Favour, to be done by a living Archbishop, may work more powerfully than past Kindnesses receiv'd from a dead One; I am of opinion, that it may be most proper for us, to be determin'd by Judges that do not at all depend upon the Archbishop. But if his Grace waves his Preliminaries, I will not refuse to accept for a Referee Dr. Bettlesworth, or Dr. Paul; it being more eligible to stand to their Award, than to contend with his Grace, especially if the Suit must be carried on in his own Court.

If the Chancery orders our Cause to be tried in one of the Courts in Westminster-Hall, his Grace has told me, that he will bring it before the Parliament.

Such a Procedure will be very vexatious and expensive to us.

I cannot yet find that any thing was paid for Dilapidations at Winchester, Exeter, Sarum, Oxford, Gloucester, or Bangor, to the present Bishops.

If Fame speaks Truth, the Bishop of Norwich receiv'd but Five Pounds of the late Bishop of Ely for Dilapidations.

There was but little paid to the present Bishops of London or Ely.

I shall quickly hear from Worcester, Lichfield, and other Places.

I have here a Book of my Uncle's Accounts from 1704, which I have carefully look'd over since I receiv'd the Anonymous Letter. From hence, according to my Promise, I have extracted the Sums laid out for Repairs in each Year from 1704 to 1715 inclusively. The Disbursements upon this Head come to 2076 l. 7 s. 3 d. From a Book in my House in the Country, which has been perus'd with Care, it appears that there was laid out in Repairs between 1698 and 1703, the Sum of 1345 l. 4 s. 9 d. Both these Sums, being laid out upon the Buildings within the space of about Seventeen Years, my Uncle's Disbursements for Repairs were not less than 200 l. a Year, without including any of the Bills paid to

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* See Anonymous Letter.

"let Sir Nath. Lloyd, and Dr. Hinchman be nam'd in their stead; or I should at least on this; as on this
 "I am told the Council for the Bishop are decid-
 "ed not to throw any Dirt on his late Grace; but
 "if they are able to make out one half of what they
 "put into the Libel, it will fall bloody hard on the
 "Steward, and his Memory will sink to future Ages.
 "How far you are oblig'd in Conscience, as a Re-
 "lacion, and one who succeeded to what he left, to
 "prevent it, I leave you on consider, and remain,
 "tho' without a Name at present, your sincere
 "Friend, to serve you and yours.
 "N. B. The Writer of this Letter is wondrously hap-
 "py in naming, by Accident, (as you believe it) Dr.
 "Bettsworth and Dr. Paul for Arbitrators, who had
 "been, for six Weeks, before the Date of this Letter,
 "imposed upon by his Grace, and obliged against him
 "me, because they are both his Grace's Judges, and
 "must often apply to his Grace for Favours."

To his Grace.

My LORD,

Lamb-bith, 9 Oct. 1704

I Have the the Honour of your Grace's Letter con-
 cerning Sir William Trumbull, for which I return
 my most humble Thanks.

On Friday the Past carried a Letter to Sandwich,
 dated London, October the 4th, which my Wife sent
 to this Place by Saturday's Post.

The rude and injurious Suggestions, made on pur-
 pose to vilify the Memory of my Uncle Tension, move
 me to condemn the Writer, as much as I do when of
 fellow Persons, that, in their Conversations, for some
 Months past, have made it their Business to revile,
 and throw Dirt upon the Dead, in hopes of making
 Court to the Living. But notwithstanding the odious
 Colours, in which my Uncle Tension has been painted
 by some, who pretend to have an Interest in your
 Grace, I doubt not, but in due time to convince the
 World, that he was a generous, charitable, good-
 natur'd Man, and as just and as faithful a Steward,
 as ever lived.

I am not inclin'd to take great Notice of Letters,
 writ by Persons who conceal their Names; but since
 the Writer of the Letter, which I receiv'd by Sat-
 urday's Post, seems to have perus'd the Libel, which, at
 your Grace's Suit is to be exhibited in the Commons,
 I beg leave to lay before your Grace a Paper, that
 contains a Copy of that Part of the Letter, which was
 writ, I suppose, to terrify me, by whose Direction I
 cannot tell; but sure I am, that I ought not to be
 terrified, since I am ready, and desirous to pay the
 utmost Farthing that is justly due to your Grace. And
 besides it may be consider'd, that the Dispute con-
 cerning Dilapidations, is a Dispute about Facts, and
 not about Persons.

I am,

My LORD, Your Grace's

Most dutiful, and most

Faithful humble Servant,

Edward Tension.

From a Letter directed to Dr. Tension near Senate
 House in Kent, dated 1704

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 "lacion, and one who succeeded to what he left, to
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 "main, tho' without a Name at present, a sincere
 "Friend to serve you and yours;

And I think that many have been misled by these

To Mr. Tension, near Senate House in Kent, dated 1704

S. J. R. has no right in this matter, and has
 not been heard of since he was last seen. He is
 now in the hands of the law, and is being
 tried for some crime. He is a very wicked
 man, and is deserving of the punishment
 which he is now receiving.

In one or more of the Articles, in the Report and
 Whispers of these People may, in this Case, be relied
 on, his Grace has prevail'd with himself to con-
 scend to this, as to suffer my Uncle Tension's Memory
 to be treated with great Indignity.

When I ask how he came to deserve this Treas-
 mer, I am answer'd, That once when his Person was
 rais'd, an Expectation fell from him, whereby he
 intimated that Lamb-bith Palace would find very
 well for our Time, meaning during the Life of the
 late Archbishop. From hence the Libel is conceiv'd,
 that he hinder'd and prevented his Grace from Re-
 pairing the same.

That it may appear how unjust those Men are,
 who, to make their Court, and to serve by Ends and
 Purposes, do vilify my Uncle's Memory, and reflect
 upon him as a Person, that from 1665 was the first
 night of Malon, Carpenter, and other Workmen from
 the Palace at Lamb-bith and Croydon, I put into your
 Hands a Paper, to be communicated to your friends,
 wherein you will see the Amount of some of the Bills
 paid by him, for the Space of about Seventeen Years,
 and besides the Bills paid by him, there were many
 other Bills, as I have hinted formerly, amounting
 to a very great Sum, paid by his Grace himself, that
 are not in this Account.

N. B. All the Money laid out in the Year 1704, is
 not in this following Account.

1704

The Estate which he left to his Relations, is, by some, said to be the Cause of your Grace's Suit. His Relations ought not to envid, nor should the Estate be thought too much for them.

From the Fire of London, to the Year 1715 he was a Lender of Money; and your Grace is not unsensible, how Money, at Interest, does increase and multiply.

What he gave to his Relations, is a far less Sum than would have been produced by the Increase of the Estate which his Father left him, and his Wife's Fortune; If the Money had been constantly put out, and duly improv'd at Legal Interest.

What he receiv'd from the Church was the Fund that enabled him to answer the Expences, which his extensive Charity, his plain and liberal way of House-keeping, and his generous Hospitality daily brought upon him. Had he not been Profuse in these Articles of Expence, he must have died immensely rich, as rich as your Grace may die, if it pleases God, for the Good of the Church, to prolong your Life till you arrive at the Age of *Four score Years*.

I doubt not but his Charities and good Works will deserve a far greater Blessing upon his Relations, than they could have hop'd to receive from a vast Increase of Temporal Riches.

It was not his Intention to aggrandize and raise a Family. He was so far from aiming at this, that his Legacies to *Benet College*, and to the *Society* for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, do together amount to a greater Sum than he gave to any One of his Relations. Therefore I humbly beg that I may not be vex'd in your Grace's Court for Dilapidations, and ask Leave to renew my humble Petition to your Grace, to permit my Lord Chief Justice King, upon the Foot of Dr. Paul's Letter, and the Promise under my Hand concerning the Wharf, to determine the Sum that shall be paid to your Grace for Dilapidations, on or before the 27th Day of this Month.

I am,

My LORD,
Your Grace's

Most dutiful, and most
Faithful humble Servant,

Edward Tenison.

To Mr. FAGE.

Lamb-hith, Nov. 24. 1716.

S I R,

AS I expected, my Lord Chief Justice King has given me a favourable Answer to my Letter, which carried Dr. Paul's Proposal. It was sent to *Tonbridge-Wells*, after I had left the Place; and having lain there till the Season was over, it was then sent to the General Post-Office at London.

I begin to hope that the Evil-Spirit of Litigiousness, which was rais'd at *Doffers Commons* to vex and haunt us, will be laid, for the Power that was likely to over-bear us, and to oppress us in that Place, is at length reduc'd to narrower Bounds, and put under some Restraints.

By the Friendly Interposition of that excellent Man, Dr. Clarke, his Grace has been prevail'd with to admit of a Reference upon the Foot of Dr. Paul's Letter.

He does not except against my Lord Chief Justice King; but instead of my Lord Parker, he has oblig'd me to accept of the Judge of his own Court, Dr. *Bettesworth* Dean of the Arches.

Don't blame me for consenting to this; for there was no Peace made, as long as I insist'd that his Grace should not chuse his own Judge.

The Bonds of Arbitration bear Date the 30th of October, and are executed in Form, both by his Grace and my self.

The Decision is to be made on or before the 28th of this Instant November.

While I was suing to his Grace to refer our Difference to Arbitrators, to be determin'd upon the Foot of Dr. Paul's Letter, I desir'd that a Motion might be made for obtaining a Rule of Court, that the Arbitrators might be thereby empower'd to compel Witnesses to appear before them, and to oblige them to submit to an Examination upon Oaths. But his Grace was not pleas'd to take any Notice of this my Desire.

I am since inform'd that no Witnesses will be examin'd, but the Surveyors, who are to answer upon Honour, and not upon their Oaths, such Questions as the Arbitrators shall think fit to ask.

If the Referees can't agree before the 28th Day of this Month is past, then my Lord Bishop of *Lichfield* is to be a Third Referee, and the Determination of Two binds his Grace to receive, and me to pay, the Sum which Two shall agree upon, in full Satisfaction for Dilapidations; with a Proviso concerning an Accident, which his Grace thinks to be possible to happen to the Wharf before the First of April next; the Consideration whereof is left also to the said Referees, to be determin'd within a Time certain mention'd in a separate Paper, which, for Peace-sake, was sign'd by,

Dear S I R,
Your most affectionate Kinsman,

And faithful humble Servant,

Edward Tenison

To Mr. FAGE.

Canterbury, Nov. 24. 1716.

Dear S I R,

YOU and I are greatly in Debt to my Lord Bishop of *Lichfield*, my Lord Chief Justice King, Mr. Dean of the Arches, and Dr. Clarke, for the good Offices

Offices they have done us, in helping to make end of the Dispute concerning Dilapidations.

We can't pay this Debt, by doing the like good Offices for them; but 'tis in our Power to let the Remembrance of their Good-will and Readiness to assist us, amidst the Difficulties we were under, be always fresh upon our Minds, to wish for Opportunities to do them Service; and upon all Occasions to be ready to make our most grateful Acknowledgements. This I am resolv'd to do, and doubt not but you will make the like Resolution.

I congratulate you upon the Period that is put to this Dispute by the Determination made by my Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Dean of the Arches, according to which Determination 2800 l. shall be paid to my Lord Archbishop's Use, on or before the 1st Day of December; that being the Day which the Arbitrators have fix'd for the Payment thereof.

Tho' this Sum amounts to 800 l. more than our Counsel advis'd us to tender in Court, in order to to our throwing the Costs of Suit upon his Grace; yet it is 700 l. less than his Grace demanded; and all farther Vexations and Charges of a Law Suit will be cut off thereby, and we shall no longer be under the Disadvantage of struggling with the Power of an Archbishop in his own Court, which is so terrible, that the Advocates and Proctors stand in awe of it. This may be the Reason for one of the Advocates refusing his Retaining Fee, and for one of the Proctors deserting us, after he had been retain'd by our Agent.

His Grace's Conduct is very wise and instructive. He is so cautious as to insist, that, at the same time he signs the Release, I shall sign another Paper, besides that mention'd at the close of my last Letter, to put it into the Power of the Arbitrators, to give his Grace a farther Sum towards the Wharf, if between this and the Tenth of May, they shall be of Opinion, that the Sum of 2800 l. is not sufficient to give his Grace Content.

Let me give you another Instance of his Grace's Caution, Wisdom, and dexterous Management.

Since the Arbitration-Bonds were seal'd, his Grace is said to have discover'd his Intentions of suing to his Majesty for a Royal Licence, that in a Legal Way he may be empower'd to pull down some of the Buildings at Lamb-hith, and the Buildings at Croydon, these last being situated, as his Grace apprehends, in an ill Air. 'Tis certain that there ought to be no Comparison made between the Air of Croydon, and the Air of Lamb-hith.

Thus, with one Hand, he receives great Sums for Repairs; and, for the Security of his Executors, with the other Hand, he raises those Buildings, upon which, by the Survey, the Arbitrators were induc'd to believe, that the Money by them awarded, would be laid out.

If his Grace, for the Reasons above mention'd, obtains a Licence to pull down the Palace at Croydon, 'tis hop'd that he will not do less than fix up some part of the Palace (how soon I don't say) at Canterbury, which is situated in a very good Air; for it can't be thought that he will leave the Metropolis without Two Houses; especially, since his Grace it to receive 1400 l. apiece for the Houses at Lamb-hith and Croydon, which is 1280 l. a House more than Pale's (a) Executors paid for each House, which did then belong to the Sec.; and at least 1000 l. for each House, more than Parker's (b) Executors paid; and 'tis probable, that 'tis 1250 l. for each House, more than was paid by Grimald's (c) Executors.

I hope not only for his Grace's Pardon, but his Thanks, for stating these Matters; because they may be one Day of Service; even, to his Grace's Executors; for possibly, in Tract of Time, the Palace may not be left in a much better Condition at the next Vacancy of the See of Canterbury, than they were at the last.

In justification of my deceas'd Friend, and myself, I purpose to publish some of the Letters which I wrote to his Grace, together with those which I have written to yourself, occasion'd by the Dispute concerning Dilapidations; which has been very tedious and troublesome to me, by reason of his Grace's departing from the Original Contract, and commencing a Suit in his own Courts against.

Dear Sir,

Your most affectionate Kinsman,

And most humble Servant,

EDWARD TENISON.

(4) (b) (c) Vid. PART I. p. 7. and PART II. p. 5.

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EVENTS

The late Archbishop received a singular Disposition of his
The said Archbishop did not suspect that there was more
for his Successor to make him Demand for all such things
and son aduob has Job or his like ma I did T ...
The late Archbishop's Letter of Money from 1666 to
to 1671 is archbishop's letter from the Lord here to
The Estate left by him was less than the sum of £1000
of his own hand as he had made the sum of £1000
Paternal Estate, and Mr. Wolf's Fortune, and the sum of
vint Legal Interest. A Decree of the Court of Chancery
that he received from the Church was Gentile Hope &
£1000 worth of stock being sold in a short time, and
A Soap put at sale for £1000 at Dr. Tenison's Common
was a Reference obtained at last by the Interposition of Dr.
Clark, who paid for the same the sum of £1000 and
the Grace did not think for nothing Dr. Tenison to con-
firm his Witnesses upon Oath but again ex Venerabili
Gentili Officio donec the Execution by my Lord Bishop of
Lichfield, my Lord Chief Justice King, the Dean of
Arche-Archdeacon, and Dr. Clarke was still in confidence
and he paid by the Executors for Despicable reasons pay
How much this is more than the Executors were bound to
pay under in Court. And yet granted it and granted
The Executors are at last freed from struggling with the
Grace in his own Court.

A Paper sent by Dr. Tenison, wherein he paid the Grace
some £1000. The sum of £1000 was paid to the Grace
A Royal Licence intended to be applied for again to be
What Advantage this may be to the Grace is evident
How much more Money Tenison's Executors pay for a
thing than was paid by the Executors of Pole, Baskin-
ton, or Grindall yet the Grace is still in the hands of
Canterbury situated in a good Air

From the Situation of the Scaffolding over Lamb-hith Hall, it may be observed, that the important Work of Repairing the Weather-cock was taken in Hand on the 18th Day of December, or thereabouts; and 'tis expected that this great Undertaking will be finish'd, and the Scaffolding struck, in the Fourth Week in January, or in some convenient Time after.

The Demands for Reparations exorbitant, p. 5. A Sketch, wherein are set forth some Particulars mentioned in the Survey, ibid.
The Lollards PRISON may be made a fighly Apartment. ibid.